

## ABSTRACT

A method and unit for forming a tobacco bead, whereby a forming conveyor conveying the tobacco bead cooperates  
5 with a pressing device for compacting portions of the tobacco bead equally spaced with a given spacing, and cooperates with a shaving device; and whereby a distance between the pressing device and the forming conveyor is regulated independently of a distance between the shaving  
10 device and the forming conveyor, and as a function of a linear travelling speed of the forming conveyor or a physical quantity related to it.